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SATURDAY, *February* 28. 1707.

(1.) *Country-man.* THE *Blaſphemy* of thoſe *Sons* of *Belial* you Mention'd laſt, wou'd ſeem Incredible, but that we hear it every Day! How common is it for men to ſay, I wiſh *God* had not made ſuch a thing to be a *Sin*? This is true *Belial* that is *Liberty*, to be *Free* from any *Yoke* or *Reſtraint* whatſoever. And then, as a Conſequence of this, they make *God* the *Author* of *Sin*, and lay the Blame upon the *Law*, for all their *Tranſgreſſions* of it.

(2.) *Rehearſal.* And they who won'd be *Free* from the *Laws* of *God*, will take it very ill to be *Subject* to the *Law* of *Man*. Therefor they are ſo Angry with thoſe who make *Government* to be of *Divine Inſtitution*, and that we ought to *Obey* for *Conſcience* ſake! This fetters *Belial* the *God* of *Liberty*! Therefor he Burſts the *Bonds*, and ſets himſelf *Free*! And Charges his *Rebellion* upon the *Law* which Forbids it!

(3.) *Country-m.* Thus it was the Doctrin of *Paſſive Obedience* that Ruin'd K. *Char.* I. and Cut off his Head! It was the *Biſhops* and *Cavaliers* who Roſe in *Arms* againſt him! Becauſe their *Loyalty* provok'd others to *Rebel*! And they who *Preach* it *Damnation* to Reſiſt, are, by ſo doing, the Chief *Promoters of Reſiſtance*! What has St. *Paul* then to Anſwer for, for his 13th. *Chapter* to the *Romans*? Beware therefore ye *Preachers* how ye Speak againſt any *Vice*, for upon your Heads it lyes if we Commit it! *For I had not known Luſt, except the Law had ſaid, thou ſhalt not Covet*!

(4.) *Rehearſ.* But if *Paſſive Obedience* Murders and Depoſes *Kings*, what will the Doctrin of *Reſiſtance* do? will that Save and Preſerve them? Yet theſe *Reſiſtance-Men* have made many *Apologies* for themſelves, and to Perſuade the *Queen* that they are her beſt *Subjects*, and that ſhe is Safeſt in their Hands, who Declare it Lawful to *Depoſe* and *Deſtroy* her, if they think fit. But wou'd ſhe Truſt her ſelf with them who think it *Damnation* if they *Reſiſt*? They ſay the very *Preaching* of that Doctrin *Deſtroy'd* both her *Father* and *Grandfather*! And therefore that ſhe ſhou'd Diſcourage it by all Means! And they Accuſe the Preſent *Clergy* for *Preaching* of this *Doctrin*. The *Review* ſays, That *One Third* of them *at leaſt* Deſerve to be *Hang'd* for this. And makes *Three* parts in *Five* of them *Enemies* to the *Government* for this. And that *Generally* they are *Enflamers* of the *Nation* for this *Doctrin*. As you will ſee him Quoted in *Num.* 105. of the *Firſt Volume*, whither I refer you, to Save Repetition.

(5.) *Country-m.* But tho' all the *Clergy* ſhou'd Eſcape as to their *Betraying* K. *James*, or taking *Arms* againſt him, yet the *Review* has you faſt, *Maſter*. He is Reſolv'd to *Expoſe* you, for you have made him very *Angry*! He ſays in his of the 12th Inſtant thus,

" Nor is it Unworthy Note, that this " very Turn Coat Prieſt, who writes " this is one of the very Number who " was in Arms againſt his *Jure Divino* " Monarch in *Ireland*.

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Moreover he ſays you *Kill'd* King *James*. *As if* (ſays he of you and others) *When you Shot at him at the BOYN, you did not Kill him.*

Rehearſ. He means in *Intention*——But if he Gueſſes any that was at the *Boyn* to be the *Author* of this *Paper*, he may Gueſs again maybe it is Dr. *Walker*. I have a good mind to be ſo Croſs now as not to tell him whether I was at the *Boyn* or not——Let him Inquire——But for once I will be ſo Complaiſant as to let him know, That I was never in *Arms* in my Life, for or againſt any *King* or *Queen* whatſoever——Except *Three*——

(6.) *Country-m.* Except *Three!* What do you mean? The *Review* will Explain this for you, He will Swear You *Mean*——

Rehearſ. Let him Gueſs again. And he will be Caught in the *Trap* again, as he has been Every time he Pretended to Gueſs at *Meanings*!

Country-m. Come, *Maſter*, pray let me know your Meaning a little. For you'r Oblig'd to Inſtruct me. And you ſaid you wou'd not Fool with him but for that End.

(7.) *Rehearſ.* Then I will tell you, *Country-Man*, Ther are Three Griſly *Tyrants*, of Mighty Power and Sway upon Earth, who have Many *Legions* under their Command, and have *Conquer'd* far and near. They Oppreſs all their *Neighbours*, but are moſt *Tyrannical* over their own *Subjects*. Againſt theſe I have Declar'd open *War* from a Child. When I was *Young* I went a *Spy* into their *Countries*, and Travel'd them all over. I ſaw all their *Forts* and ſtrong *Places*, and have the Number of their *Armies*. I am Acquainted with their *Generals*, and know the Utmoſt they can Do. I have Convers'd with their *Learned* Men, who have wrote many *Apologies* in Defence of their *Government*, and I have been through ever *Creek* and *Starting Hole* that they have. So that upon the whole, I thought my ſelf able to Deal with them. And Computing the *Strength* of my two *Allies*, who Travel'd with me all the way, and the Encouragement they gave me, I ventur'd to take the Field againſt them. And I have had Great *Succeſſes*. I have Broke their *Squadrons*, and taken their *Generals* Priſoners. I have *Beſieg'd* them in their *Capital*, till they have ſent me a *Chart Blanch*; which I will not Accept, for I am Reſolv'd to *Dethrone* them, and Rid the World of ſuch *Monſters*!

Country-m. You are a Terrible *Hero* indeed! If all this be not *Bounce*! Will you not let Us Underſtand you a little?

Rehearſ. I wou'd not *Vapour* at this Rate, if I were not Sure of the *Victory*. If I had not already Try'd their Utmoſt *Force*, and know it is Impoſſible for them to have any *Succours* or *Recruits*. And you have *Witneſs* of all this, *Country-man*, and you ſhall be *Judge*.

Have you not ſeen me Encounter *Belial* the *God* of *Liberty*, which I have ſhew'd to be perfect *Slavery*? Have I not Conquer'd *Beelzebub* the *God* of *Flies*, Anglicè *Buzz*, that is the *Voice* of the *People*, and Diſarm'd them of their Pretences to be the *Original* and *Fountain* of *Government*? Have I not done this by the *Authority* of Holy *Scripture*, and the *Force* of *Reaſon*, back'd with the *Experience* of all *Ages* and our own? Theſe are my *Allies*. And is it Poſſible for any New *Succours* to Come in Oppoſition to theſe?

But the *third DEVIL* is a *Sneaking* one, Yet more *Powerful* than Both theſe together, that is *Mammon*. He will not *Argue*, or *Fight* it *Fairly*, but *Inſinuats* and *Creeps* into Peoples *Breaſts*, and then *Denies* that he is there. He never ſhews his *Face*, but Appears always in *Diſguiſe*. But whether *Belial* or *Beelzebub* be ſet up, *Mammon* is ſtill at the Bottom. And *Cheats* Folks too as often as the other. But I have Beat the other *Two*, and Forc'd the *Third* to Hide his *Head*.

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